

MIRACLE'S BOYS FRONT PAGE NEWSPAPER ASSIGNMENT

Assignment Learning Objectives:

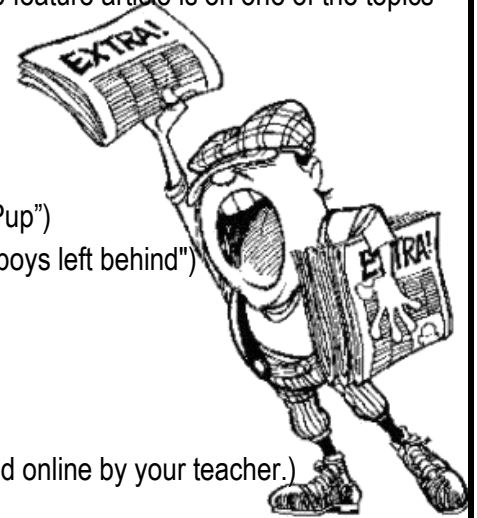
- Prepare for publication using techniques such as electronic resources and graphics to enhance the final product.
- Determine a purpose and audience and plan strategies to address these.
- Identify appropriate sources and gather relevant information from multiple sources (ie: text of Miracle's Boys and research on the setting.)
- Reread and analyze clarity of writing and consistency of point of view.
- Apply tools such as rubric, checklist and feedback to judge the quality of writing.

Assignment Summary: Create a front-page for a respectable local newspaper whose feature article is on one of the topics below.

Details/Requirements:

I. First, choose a topic for your headline/main article:

- 1) Daddy's death (*example headline:* "Heroes dies after saving Jogger and Pup")
- 2) Mama's death (*example headline:* "Recent widow found dead in home; 3 boys left behind")
- 3) Poncho's robbery (*example headline:* "12-year-old robs Candy Store")



II. Checklist of Requirements:

1. Entire page must be filled, like the front page of a "real" newspaper.
2. Typed—in standard Newspaper format. (Use one of the 6 formats provided online by your teacher.)
3. Title for all articles.
 - A. A name of the writer for each article (YOUR NAME SHOULD GO WITH THE MAIN ARTICLE.)
4. Title of the newspaper.
5. A date for the newspaper that relates to the setting of the book (and the event that took place)
 - A. Assume that the book takes place in 2012. Use math to figure out what year your main event took place and choose a month/day to match.
6. At least two smaller articles (*blurps are fine!*) or advertisements that relate to the setting of the book.
 - A. **Ideas:** Central Park upcoming events; Local weather Local business/advertisements (do your research!); Breaking News (gang related?); Local Sports; Harlem hotspots; News/info about local colleges; recent Harlem census results; etc.
 - B. "**Continued on page 5B...**" is acceptable.
7. At least one picture that relates to the main article.
 - A. A caption to describe the picture.
8. Your headline/ main article must have/be:
 - A. Written in 3rd person. (No "I", "you", "we", or other personal pronouns unless it's a quote.)
 - B. At least one quote during an interview (*Suggestions: neighbors, brothers, paramedics, eye-witnesses, store owner; etc.*)
 - C. Description of the events that took place. Include specific names, dates, and details that are consistent with what was discussed in the book.
 1. Must answer: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY, and HOW
 - D. The writer's name (yours!) under the title.
 - E. Minimum of 100 words.

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RUBRIC

CRITERIA:	Points Earned	Points Possible
Overall Appearance:		
1. Entire <u>page</u> is filled, like the front page of a "real" newspaper.		2
2. There is a clear <u>title</u> of the newspaper		0.5
3. Typed in standard newspaper <u>format</u>		1
4. A <u>date</u> is provided that relates to the setting of the book AND IS CONSISTENT WITH THE EVENTS that took place.		0.5
Subtotal:	_____	= 4 pts Possible
Main Article:		
1. Has a title		0.5
2. Is about one of the 3 choices provided: Daddy's death, Mama's death, Charlie robbing Poncho's		1
3. Answers 5Ws and H sufficiently— Include specific names, dates, and details that are consistent with what was discussed in the book.		6
4. Student's name is provided as the author of this article.		0.5
5. Is supported by at least one picture.		0.5
6. Accompanying picture has a caption, explaining it.		1
7. Is written in 3 rd person (no personal pronouns used unless in a quote)		1.5
8. Has at least one quote taken from an interview		1.5
9. Minimum of 100 words		1.5
Subtotal:	_____	= 14 pts Possible
Smaller Articles/Advertisement:		
10. There are at least 2		2
11. Each has a title		1 (0.5 each)
12. An author's name is provided		1 (0.5 each)
Subtotal:	_____	= 4 pts Possible
Ready for Publication		
13. Spelling		1
14. Grammar		1
15. Mechanics		1
Subtotal:	_____	= 3 pts Possible
Total:	_____	25